

Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Air Pollution Rules for First Notice

On April 16, 2026, the Board adopted an opinion and order proposing non-substantive amendments to its air pollution rules for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The proposed amendments are part of a larger undertaking by the Board to update its rules across multiple media and subject areas. The proposal will remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and reorganize provisions for clarity. In all, the first-notice proposal covers 26 Parts of the Board's Subtitle B air pollution rules in Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code: Parts 201, 202, 205, 207, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 223, 225, 226, 228, 229, 232, 237, 240, 241, 243, 244, 245, and 249.

Before proceeding to first notice, the Board adopted a proposal for public comment and held two public hearings. In its opinion and order of April 16, 2026, the Board welcomed public comment on all aspects of the first-notice proposal and specifically requested public comment on 18 enumerated items to further clarify the rules. The Board also noted that because of its length, the proposal's first-notice publication may appear in installments over several issues of the *Illinois Register*.

The rulemaking is captioned [Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle B](#), docket R18-21. Here is a link to the Board's April 16, 2026 [first-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Anupama Paruchuri at anupama.paruchuri2@illinois.gov.